TOP-40

Even though some may look back on 1979 as a less than spectacular year for the music industry financially, Top 40 radio was more active musically in 1979 than in 1978. More songs made the Top 15 of R&R's National Airplay/30 (121 this year versus 112 for 1978) and more songs achieved the number one spot (20 in 1979 compared to only 15 last year).

Disco's influence on the early months of 1979 is clearly illustrated by this year's airplay champ, **Rod Stewart**, and his "Da Ya Think I'm Sexy." Rod's disco/rock tune hit number one on January 26 and stayed there for the next six weeks. No other song during the year remained number one longer.

Donna Summer placed four singles on the Top 79 as a solo artist and collaborated with **Barbra Streisand** for a fifth. Other disco-oriented artists enjoying multiple Top 40 chart successes were **Chic** and the **Bee Gees**, each having three titles on this year's list.

A host of artists placed two songs in the Top 79. They were **Peaches & Herb, Commodores, Supertramp, Earth, Wind & Fire** (plus a third with the **Emotions**), **Little River Band, Electric Light Orchestra, Kenny Rogers, Knack**, and the **Doobie Brothers**. Barbra Streisand had one hit as a soloist and another with Donna Summer.

If 1979 was the year of anything, it was most likely the year of the group. 54% of the Top 79 were songs by groups, compared to a 40% figure in 1978. Part of the increase could be accounted for by the return of three supergroups, who were conspicuous by their absence in 1978. New albums arrived from **Fleetwood Mac, Eagles**, and **Led Zeppelin**, putting supergroup hits back on Top 40 radio.

1979 brought the return of several artists who had not been on the charts recently, but had enjoyed hits before. Long dry spells evaporated for **Herb Alpert** and **Dionne Warwick**. Peaches & Herb, complete with a new "Peaches," scored twice in '79. The Doobies roared back in 1979 with their "Minute By Minute" album placing two hit singles on the Top 79. "What A Fool Believes" finished at number 2. Other artists who returned with hits, after at least a year off, were **Robert John, Gloria Gaynor, Pointer Sisters, Kenny Rogers, Maxine Nightingale, Sister Sledge, Elton John, Michael Jackson, Jacksons, George Harrison**, and **Orleans**.

Every year has its share of impressive newcomers, but perhaps the most dramatic debut in recent history was the Knack's in 1979. After much publicity surrounding their eventual signing with **Capitol Records** and all the obvious comparisons to the **Beatles** in both sound and graphics, the group proved themselves to be more than worth all the generated talk with hit singles and a very big debut album.

Other new artists, at least to Top 40 audiences, had their first hits in 1979. **Blondie** broke through to mass appeal listeners for the first time, as did the **Cars, Robert Palmer, Journey**, and **Cheap Trick**.

New male vocalists debuting in '79 included **Randy Vanwarmer, M**, and **Nick Lowe**. **John Stewart**, had last been on Top 40 radio as a member of the **Kingston Trio**, struck "Gold" as a soloist in 1979. New females joining the hitmakers this year were **Rickie Lee Jones, Nicolette Larson, Anita Ward, Cheryl Lynn**, and **Amii Stewart**.

1979 also brought new groups like **Dire Straits, Sniff 'N' The Tears**, and the TV-created **Blues Brothers** onto the charts for the first time.

The actual breakdown of the Top 79 hits of 1979 is as follows: groups 43, females 15, males 14, duets two, and two instrumental performances. Newcomers accounted for 23% of the Top 79, with established artists (or returning "known" artists) accounting for 77%.

Top 40 radio's musical experimentation, which began in 1978, continued into 1979. Disco had a major influence on the first four months of the year, but then its apparent attractiveness declined in the eyes of many Top 40 programmers. The anti-disco backlash had begun and Top 40 radio headed in several different directions.

The 200 R&R Top 40 reporting stations, whose weekly lists collectively make up each edition of the National Airplay/30, represent all facets of the evolving Top 40 musical scene. The common factor that links all 200 stations is their success in the ratings, which only underlines that Top 40's evolution into different musical areas is working. The diversity in music programming represented on this year's Top 79 also underlines the search for an alternative sound, when disco began disappearing from Top 40 radio at midyear. The impact of that continuing search on 1980 should guarantee us another year full of musical surprises.

The Top 40 – 79 of 1979 was computed using weekly R&R National Airplay/30's from January 12, 1979 through November 30, 1979. A simple reverse point-value system was used and accumulated numbers were totaled and ranked. That ranking is representative of this year's *radio airplay* as reported each week by R&R's 200 Top 40 reporting stations.

TOP '79 OF 79

1 **ROD STEWART**/Da Ya Think I'm Sexy (WB)
2 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**/What A Fool Believes (WB)
3 **PEACHES & HERB**/Reunited (Polydor)
4 **COMMODORES**/Sail On (Motown)
5 **LITTLE RIVER BAND**/Lonesome Loser (Capitol)
6 **EAGLES**/Heartache Tonight (Asylum)
7 **ROBERT JOHN**/Sad Eyes (EMI America)
8 **KNACK**/My Sharona (Capitol)
9 **BLONDIE**/Heart Of Glass (Chrysalis)
10 **BEE GEES**/Tragedy (RSO)
11 **HERB ALPERT**/Rise (A&M)
12 **SUPERTRAMP**/The Logical Song (A&M)
13 **GLORIA GAYNOR**/I Will Survive (Polydor)
14 **JOHN STEWART**/Gold (RSO)
15 **EARTH, WIND & FIRE**/After The Love Has Gone (ARC/Columbia)
16 **DONNA SUMMER**/Hot Stuff (Casablanca)
17 **STYX**/Babe (A&M)
18 **DIONNE WARWICK**/I'll Never Love This Way Again (Arista)
19 **POINTER SISTERS**/Fire (Planet)
20 **ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA**/Shine A Little Love (Jet)
21 **RICKIE LEE JONES**/Chuck E.'s In Love (WB)
22 **AMII STEWART**/Knock On Wood (Ariola)
23 **DIRE STRAITS**/Sultans Of Swing (WB)
24 **KENNY ROGERS**/She Believes In Me (UA)
25 **BARBRA STREISAND**/The Main Event/Fight (Columbia)
26 **MAXINE NIGHTINGALE**/Lead Me On (Windsong)
27 **LITTLE RIVER BAND**/Lady (Harvest)
28 **DONNA SUMMER**/Bad Girls (Casablanca)
29 **DR. HOOK**/When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman (Capitol)
30 **KENNY ROGERS**/You Decorated My Life (UA)
31 **SISTER SLEDGE**/We Are Family (Cotillion)
32 **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**/A Little More Love (MCA)
33 **RANDY VANWARMER**/Just When I Needed You Most (Bearsville/WB)
34 **WINGS**/Goodnight Tonight (Columbia)
35 **COMMODORES**/Still (Motown)
36 **M**/Pop Muzik (Sire)
37 **DONNA SUMMER w/BROOKLYN DREAMS**/Heaven Knows (Casablanca)
38 **CHIC**/Good Times (Atlantic)
39 **ELTON JOHN**/Mama Can't Buy You Love (MCA)
40 **ANITA WARD**/Ring My Bell (Juana/TK)
41 **NICOLETTE LARSON**/Lotta Love (WB)
42 **ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA**/Don't Bring Me Down (Jet)
43 **BEE GEES**/Love You Inside Out (RSO)
44 **FRANK MILLS**/Music Box Dancer (Polydor)
45 **RAYDIO**/You Can't Change That (Arista)
46 **MICHAEL JACKSON**/Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough (Epic)
47 **ROBERT PALMER**/Bad Case Of Loving You (Island)
48 **BLUES BROTHERS**/Soul Man (Atlantic)
49 **DONNA SUMMER**/Dim All The Lights (Casablanca)
50 **FLEETWOOD MAC**/Tusk (WB)
51 **SUZI QUATRO & CHRIS NORMAN**/Stumblin' In (RSO)
52 **NICK LOWE**/Cruel To Be Kind (Columbia)
53 **CHIC**/I Want Your Love (Atlantic)
54 **GEORGE HARRISON**/Blow Away (Dark Horse)
55 **BEE GEES**/Too Much Heaven (RSO)
56 **SUPERTRAMP**/Goodbye Stranger (A&M)
57 **SNIFF 'N' THE TEARS**/Driver's Seat (Atlantic)
58 **PEACHES & HERB**/Shake Your Groove Thing (Polydor)
59 **JACKSONS**/Shake Your Body (Down To The Ground) (Epic)
60 **CHEAP TRICK**/I Want You To Want Me (Epic)
61 **JOURNEY**/Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin' (Columbia)
62 **POCO**/Crazy Love (ABC/MCA)
63 **BARBRA STREISAND/DONNA SUMMER**/No More Tears (Enough Is Enough) (Columbia/Casablanca)
64 **BARRY MANILOW**/Ships (Arista)
65 **KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND**/Please Don't Go (TK)
66 **CARS**/Let's Go (Elektra)
67 **CHIC**/Le Freak (Atlantic)
68 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**/Minute By Minute (WB)
69 **CHARLIE DANIELS BAND**/The Devil Went Down To Georgia (Epic)
70 **CHERYL LYNN**/Got To Be Real (Columbia)
71 **ORLEANS**/Love Takes Time (Infinity/MCA)
72 **EARTH, WIND & FIRE**/September (ARC/Columbia)
73 **ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION**/Do It Or Die (Polydor/BGO)
74 **EARTH, WIND & FIRE w/EMOTIONS**/Boogie Wonderland (ARC/Columbia)
75 **KNACK**/Good Girls Don't (Capitol)
76 **GERRY RAFFERTY**/Days Gone Down (UA)
77 **CHICAGO**/No Tell Lover (Columbia)
78 **LED ZEPPELIN**/All My Love (Swan Song)
79 **ANNE MURRAY**/I Just Fall In Love Again (Capitol)

Records That Reached THE TOP 15 In 1979

TOP-40

Artist—Title—Label	Peak Position (wks #1)	Peak Date	Weeks On Charts
a			
HERB ALPERT/Rise (A&M)	❶(1)	10/12	14
ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/Do It Or Die (Polydor/BGO)	8	7/13	11
ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/Spooky (Polydor/BGO)	8	9/28	8
b			
BABYS/Everytime I Think Of You (Chrysalis)	11	3/9	9
BAD COMPANY/Rock And Roll Fantasy (Swan Song)	13	6/8	7
BEE GEES/Too Much Heaven (RSO)	❶(2)	1/12	7
BEE GEES/Tragedy (RSO)	❶(2)	3/9	12
BEE GEES/Love You Inside Out (RSO)	3	5/11	9
GEORGE BENSON/Love Ballad (WB)	9	4/20	8
BLONDIE/Heart Of Glass (Chrysalis)	❶(2)	4/13	12
BLUES BROTHERS/Soul Man (Atlantic)	4	2/16	9
c			
BOBBY CALDWELL/What You Won't Do For Love (Clouds/TK)	15	3/16	8
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE/Do That To Me One More Time (Casablanca)	14	11/30	3
CARS/Let's Go (Elektra)	8	8/10	10
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND/The Devil Went Down To Georgia (Epic)	9	8/3	9
CHEAP TRICK/I Want You To Want Me (Epic)	11	6/15	14
CHIC/Le Freak (Atlantic)	2	1/12	8
CHIC/I Want Your Love (Atlantic)	5	4/20	10
CHIC/Good Times (Atlantic)	3	8/3	11
CHICAGO/No Tell Lover (Columbia)	9	2/16	10
COMMODORES/Sail On (Motown)	❶(3)	9/21	13
COMMODORES/Still (Motown)	3	11/2	9
d			
DIRE STRAITS/Sultans Of Swing (WB)	2	3/30	11
DOOBIE BROTHERS/What A Fool Believes (WB)	❶(3)	3/23	14
DOOBIE BROTHERS/Minute By Minute (WB)	6	6/8	8
DOOBIE BROTHERS/Dependin' On You (WB)	13	9/28	8
DR. HOOK/When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman (Capitol)	3	7/13	15
e			
EAGLES/Heartache Tonight (Asylum)	❶(4)	10/19	10
EARTH, WIND & FIRE/September (ARC/Columbia)	5	1/12	7
EARTH, WIND & FIRE/After The Love Has Gone (ARC/Columbia)	❶(1)	8/24	12
EARTH, WIND & FIRE w/EMOTIONS/Boogie Wonderland (ARC/Columbia)	8	6/15	9
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA/Shine A Little Love (Jet)	❶(1)	7/6	12
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA/Don't Bring Me Down (Jet)	5	8/31	10
ENGLAND DAN & JOHN FORD COLEY/Love Is The Answer (Big Tree)	9	5/11	8
f			
FLEETWOOD MAC/Tusk (WB)	5	11/2	11
FOREIGNER/Dirty White Boy (Atlantic)	14	10/19	8
FOREIGNER/Head Games (Atlantic)	15	11/30	3
PETER FRAMPTON/I Can't Stand It No More (A&M)	12	7/13	9
g			
GLORIA GAYNOR/I Will Survive (Polydor)	2	3/9	14
h			
GEORGE HARRISON/Blow Away (Dark Horse)	4	4/27	9
RUPERT HOLMES/Escape (MCA)	2	11/30	5
HOT CHOCOLATE/Every 1's A Winner (Infinity/MCA)	8	1/26	7
j			
MICHAEL JACKSON/Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough (Epic)	5	10/5	10
JACKSONS/Shake Your Body (Down To The Ground)(Epic)	6	4/27	10
JEFFERSON STARSHIP/Jane (RCA/Grunt)	12	11/30	4
BILLY JOEL/My Life (Columbia)	3	1/12	5
BILLY JOEL/Big Shot (Columbia)	11	3/16	7
BILLY JOEL/Honesty (Columbia)	11	5/18	8
ELTON JOHN/Mama Can't Buy You Love (MCA)	4	7/20	14
ROBERT JOHN/Sad Eyes (EMI America)	2	9/7	15
RICKIE LEE JONES/Chuck E.'s In Love (WB)	❶(2)	6/15	10
JOURNEY/Lovin', Touchin', Squeezin' (Columbia)	6	10/12	11
k			
KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND/Please Don't Go (TK)	7	11/16	8
KISS/I Was Made For Loving You (Casablanca)	12	7/27	10
KNACK/My Sharona (Capitol)	❶(3)	8/3	12
KNACK/Good Girls Don't (Capitol)	10	10/12	10
l			
NICOLETTE LARSON/Lotta Love (WB)	3	1/19	9
LED ZEPPELIN/All My Love (Swan Song)	10	10/26	10
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Lady (Harvest)	4	3/16	13
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Lonesome Loser (Capitol)	❶(3)	8/31	13
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Cool Change (Capitol)	9	11/30	6
NICK LOWE/Cruel To Be Kind (Columbia)	6	9/28	11
CHERYL LYNN/Got To Be Real (Columbia)	7	2/9	9
m			
M/Pop Muzik (Sire)	3	10/5	13
MELISSA MANCHESTER/Don't Cry Out Loud (Arista)	12	3/2	9
BARRY MANILOW/Somewhere In The Night (Arista)	9	2/9	7
BARRY MANILOW/Ships (Arista)	5	11/16	9
IAN MATTHEWS/Shake It (Mushroom)	10	2/2	8
FRANK MILLS/Music Box Dancer (Polydor)	6	3/23	11
ANNE MURRAY/I Just Fall In Love Again (Capitol)	11	3/23	9
ANNE MURRAY/Broken Hearted Me (Capitol)	14	11/9	8
n			
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/A Little More Love (MCA)	3	2/9	10
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/Deeper Than The Night (MCA)	14	5/11	7
NIGHT/Hot Summer Nights (Planet)	15	8/24	6
MAXINE NIGHTINGALE/Lead Me On (Windsong)	3	8/10	13
o			
ORLEANS/Love Takes Time (Infinity/MCA)	7	5/18	9
p			
ROBERT PALMER/Bad Case Of Loving You (Island)	7	9/14	10
PEACHES & HERB/Shake Your Groove Thing (Polydor)	8	3/2	12
PEACHES & HERB/Reunited (Polydor)	❶(4)	4/27	12
POCO/Crazy Love (ABC/MCA)	7	3/23	10
POCO/Heart Of The Night (MCA)	13	6/29	8
POINTER SISTERS/Fire (Planet)	2	2/2	11
q			
SUZI QUATRO & CHRIS NORMAN/Stumblin' In (RSO)	7	4/6	10
r			
GERRY RAFFERTY/Days Gone Down (UA)	7	7/6	8
GERRY RAFFERTY/Get It Right Next Time (UA)	14	9/21	7
RAYDIO/You Can't Change That (Arista)	5	8/3	12
CLIFF RICHARD/We Don't Talk Anymore (EMI America)	6	11/30	5
KENNY ROGERS/She Believes In Me (UA)	❶(1)	6/29	12
KENNY ROGERS/You Decorated My Life (UA)	3	10/19	12
LINDA RONSTADT/Ooh Baby Baby (Asylum)	13	1/12	4
s			
BOB SEGER/We've Got Tonight (Capitol)	9	1/12	5
SISTER SLEDGE/He's The Greatest Dancer (Cotillion)	13	4/20	8
SISTER SLEDGE/We Are Family (Cotillion)	3	6/1	11
REX SMITH/You Take My Breath Away (Columbia)	10	6/1	8
SNIFF 'N' THE TEARS/Driver's Seat (Atlantic)	6	9/14	10
JOHN DAVID SOUTHER/You're Only Lonely (Columbia)	8	11/23	7
AMII STEWART/Knock On Wood (Ariola)	3	4/13	12
JOHN STEWART/Gold (RSO)	❶(2)	7/13	12
ROD STEWART/Da Ya Think I'm Sexy (WB)	❶(6)	1/26	14
BARBRA STREISAND/The Main Event/Fight (Columbia)	❶(1)	7/27	11
BARBRA STREISAND & NEIL DIAMOND/You Don't Bring Me Flowers (Columbia)	10	1/2	3
BARBRA STREISAND & DONNA SUMMER/No More Tears (Enough Is Enough) (Columbia/Casablanca)	3	11/30	7
STYX/Babe (A&M)	❶(3)	11/16	10
DONNA SUMMER w/BROOKLYN DREAMS/Heaven Knows	3	2/23	12
DONNA SUMMER/Hot Stuff (Casablanca) (Casablanca)	❶(2)	5/25	10
DONNA SUMMER/Bad Girls (Casablanca)	2	7/20	13
DONNA SUMMER/Dim All The Lights (Casablanca)	6	10/26	10
SUPERTRAMP/The Logical Song (A&M)	❶(1)	6/8	13
SUPERTRAMP/Take The Long Way Home (A&M)	7	11/23	7
SUPERTRAMP/Goodbye Stranger (A&M)	7	8/10	10
t			
TOTO/Hold The Line (Columbia)	4	1/12	6
v			
VAN HALEN/Dance The Night Away (WB)	10	6/15	7
RANDY VANWARMER/Just When I Needed You Most (Bearsville/WB)	5	5/18	11
VILLAGE PEOPLE/Y.M.C.A. (Casablanca)	11	1/12	8
VILLAGE PEOPLE/In The Navy (Casablanca)	14	4/20	9
w			
ANITA WARD/Ring My Bell (Juana/TK)	2	7/6	10
DIONNE WARWICK/I'll Never Love This Way Again (Arista)	3	9/21	14
BOB WELCH/Precious Love (Capitol)	11	4/13	8
WINGS/Goodnight Tonight (Columbia)	2	5/11	10
WINGS/Getting Closer (Columbia)	10	7/13	8
STEVIE WONDER/Send One Your Love (Tamla)	13	11/30	4

DANCEMUSIC RADIO

TOP '79 OF 79

Artist – Title – Label *(In Alphabetical Order)*

a
BRYAN ADAMS/Let Me Take You Dancin' (A&M)
AKB/Stand Up — Sit Down (RSO)
HERB ALPERT/Rise (A&M)
ASHFORD & SIMPSON/Found A Cure (WB)

b
CLAUDJA BARRY/Boogie Woogie Dancin' Shoes (Chrysalis)
BOMBERS/(Everybody) Get Dancin' (West End)
PETER BROWN/Crank It Up (Drive/TK)

c
CHER/Take Me Home (Casablanca)
CHIC/Chic Cheer (Atlantic)
CHIC/Good Times (Atlantic)
CHIC/I Want Your Love (Atlantic)
CHIC/Le Freak (Atlantic)
CHIC/My Forbidden Lover (Atlantic)
COMMODORES/Sail On (Motown)
COMMODORES/Still (Motown)
CRUSADERS/Street Life (MCA)

d
JOHN DAVIS & THE MONSTER ORCHESTRA/Love Magic (SAM/Col)
DESTINATION/Move On Up (Butterfly)

e
EARTH, WIND & FIRE/After The Love Has Gone (ARC/Col)
EARTH, WIND & FIRE w/EMOTIONS/Boogie Wonderland (ARC/Col)

f
FOXY/Hot Number (Dash/TK)
FUNKADELIC/Knee Deep (WB)

g
GARY'S GANG/Keep On Dancin' (SAM/Col)
GLORIA GAYNOR/I Will Survive (Polydor)
GLORIA GAYNOR/Let Me Know (I Have The Right) (Polydor)
GONZALEZ/Haven't Stopped Dancing (Capitol)
GQ/Disco Nights (Rock Freak) (Arista)

h
ISAAC HAYES/Don't Let Go (Polydor)
PATRICK HERNANDEZ/Born To Be Alive (Columbia)
AL HUDSON & THE PARTNERS/You Can Do It (MCA)

i
INSTANT FUNK/I Got My Mind Made Up (Salsoul)
ISLEY BROTHERS/It's A Disco Night (T-Neck)

j
MICHAEL JACKSON/Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough (Epic)
MICHAEL JACKSON/Rock With You (Epic)
JACKSONS/Shake Your Body (Down To The Ground) (Epic)
DEBBIE JACOBS/Undercover Lover (MCA)
FREDDIE JAMES/Get Up And Boogie (WB)
ELTON JOHN/Victim Of Love (MCA)

j
FRANCE JOLI/Come To Me (Prelude)
JONES GIRLS/You Gonna Make Me Love Somebody Else (Phil. Int'l.)

k
KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND/Do You Wanna Go Party (TK)
FERN KINNEY/Groove Me (TK)
KOOL & THE GANG/Ladies' Night (De-Lite)

l
SUZI LANE/Harmony (Elektra)
LOVE DE-LUXE/Here Comes That Sound Again (WB)
CARRIE LUCAS/Dance With You (Solar/RCA)
CHERYL LYNN/Got To Be Real (Columbia)
CHERYL LYNN/Star Love (Columbia)

m
McFADDEN & WHITEHEAD/Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now (Phil. Int'l.)
M/Pop Muzik (Sire)
MASS PRODUCTION/Firecracker (Cotillion)
STEPHANIE MILLS/Put Your Body In It (20th)
JACKIE MOORE/This Time Baby (Columbia)

p
PEACHES & HERB/Shake Your Groove Thing (Polydor)
BONNIE POINTER/Heaven Must Have Sent You (Motown)

r
SMOKEY ROBINSON/Cruisin' (Tamla)
ROSEBUD/Have A Cigar (RFC/WB)
DIANA ROSS/The Boss (Motown)

s
SISTER SLEDGE/He's The Greatest Dancer (Cotillion)
SISTER SLEDGE/We Are Family (Cotillion)
GINO SOCCIO/Dancer (RFC/WB)
EDWIN STARR/Contact (20th)
EDWIN STARR/H.A.P.P.Y. Radio (20th)
CANDI STATON/When You Wake Up Tomorrow (WB)
AMII STEWART/Knock On Wood (Ariola)
ROD STEWART/Da Ya Think I'm Sexy (WB)
BARBRA STREISAND/Main Event/Fight (Columbia)
BARBRA STREISAND/DONNA SUMMER/No More Tears (Enough Is Enough) (Columbia/Casablanca)
SUGAR HILL GANG/Rapper's Delight (Sugar Hill)
DONNA SUMMER/Bad Girls (Casablanca)
DONNA SUMMER/Dim All The Lights (Casablanca)
DONNA SUMMER/Hot Stuff (Casablanca)
DONNA SUMMER/Sunset People (Casablanca)
SWITCH/Best Beat In Town (Gordy)

t
A TASTE OF HONEY/Do It Good (Capitol)
T-CONNECTION/At Midnight (Dash/TK)

v
VOYAGE/Souvenirs (Marlin/TK)

w
ANITA WARD/Ring My Bell (Juana/TK)
DENIECE WILLIAMS/I've Got The Next Dance (ARC/Col)

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Pop/Rhythms

The Top 79 of '79 is a mixture of many interesting and different artists and music. We tabulated our listings each week throughout the year to the end of November in the weekly Pop/Rhythms "Hottest" section, with the most consistently popular records in that section showing up in the Top 79, listed alphabetically for your convenience.

Topping the list this year, two artists had three records apiece in the Top 79, **Earth, Wind & Fire** and **Chic**. Ten other artists charted twice: the **Commodores, Gap Band, GQ, Michael Jackson, Rick James, Peaches & Herb, Teddy Pendergrass, Sister Sledge, Donna Summer,** and **Switch**.

Notable comebacks for the year included **Gene Chandler** (who started back in 1961 with "Duke Of Earl"), Peaches & Herb, **Kool & The Gang,** and **Herb Alpert**.

Eight self-contained groups showed up on the solo artist-dominated list, with only one female group, Sister Sledge, represented.

New artists are the lifeblood of any record label, and 14 new artists made the Top 79. There were nine female artists and 18 solo male artists.

Records played in other music formats accounted for 35% of the Top 79. Artists like Donna Summer and **Raydio** had great Top 40 success as well as Dancemusic acceptance; **Anita Ward** and the Commodores are two other examples of many. White artists enjoyed acceptance in the Pop/Rhythms field in 1979, including **Bobby Caldwell** and **Rod Stewart**.

Eleven ballads made the Top 79, contrasting with the generally upbeat feeling of the year's hits, and for one final interesting figure – 18% of the songs listed had the word "love" in their titles.

TOP 79 OF '79

Artist–Title–Label

a
HERB ALPERT/Rise (A&M)
ASHFORD & SIMPSON/Found A Cure (WB)

b
BAR-KAYS/Move Your Boogie Body (Mercury)
GEORGE BENSON/Love Ballad (WB)
CHUCK BROWN & THE SOUL SEARCHERS/Bustin' Loose (Source/MCA)
PEABO BRYSON/I'm So Into You (Capitol)

c
BOBBY CALDWELL/What You Won't Do For Love (Clouds/TK)
CAMEO/I Just Want To Be (Chocolate City)
GENE CHANDLER/Get Down (Chi Sound/20th)
CHIC/Good Times (Atlantic)
CHIC/I Want Your Love (Atlantic)
CHIC/Le Freak (Atlantic)
COMMODORES/Sail On (Motown)
COMMODORES/Still (Motown)
CON FUNK SHUN/Chase Me (Mercury)

d
TYRONE DAVIS/In The Mood (Columbia)
DELEGATION/Oh Honey (Shadybrook/Janus)

e
EARTH WIND & FIRE/After The Love Has Gone (ARC/Col)
EARTH, WIND & FIRE/September (ARC/Col)
EARTH, WIND & FIRE w/EMOTIONS/Boogie Wonderland (ARC/Col)

f
FOXY/Hot Number (Dash/TK)
FUNKADELIC/Knee Deep (WB)

g
GAP BAND/Open Up Your Mind (Wide) (Mercury)
GAP GAND/Shake (Mercury)
GLORIA GAYNOR/I Will Survive (Polydor)
GQ/Disco Nights (Rock Freak) (Arista)
GQ/I Do Love You (Arista)
GREY & HANKS/Dancin' (RCA)

h
HERBIE HANCOCK/Ready Or Not (Columbia)
ISAAC HAYES/Don't Let Go (Polydor)

i
INSTANT FUNK/Got My Mind Made Up (Salsoul)
ISLEY BROTHERS/I Wanna Be With You (T-Neck)

j
MICHAEL JACKSON/Don't Stop 'Til You Get Enough (Epic)
MICHAEL JACKSON/Rock With You (Epic)
JACKSONS/Shake Your Body (Down To The Ground) (Epic)
RICK JAMES/High On Your Love (Gordy)
RICK JAMES/Love Gun (Gordy)
JONES GIRLS/You Gonna Make Me Love Somebody Else (Phil. Int'l)

k
KC & THE SUNSHINE BAND/Do You Wanna Go Party (TK)
EVELYN "CHAMPAGNE" KING/I Don't Know If It's Right (RCA)
KOOL & THE GANG/Ladies' Night (De-Lite)

l
LAKESIDE/It's All The Way Live (Solar/RCA)
CHERYL LYNN/Got To Be Real (Columbia)

m
ALTON McCLAIN & DESTINY/It Must Be Love (Polydor)
McFADDEN & WHITEHEAD/Ain't No Stoppin' Us Now (Phil. Int'l)
TEENA MARIE/I'm Just A Sucker For Your Love (Gordy)
MASS PRODUCTION/Firecracker (Cotillion)
CURTIS MAYFIELD/LINDA CLIFFORD/Between You Baby And Me (Curtom/RSO)
MAZE/Feel That You're Feelin' (Capitol)
STEPHANIE MILLS/What Cha Gonna Do With My Lovin' (20th)

n
NATURE'S DIVINE/I Just Can't Control Myself (Infinity/MCA)

o
O'JAYS/Sing A Happy Song (Phil. Int'l)

p
PARLIAMENT/Aqua Boogie (Casablanca)
PEACHES & HERB/Reunited (Polydor)
PEACHES & HERB/Shake Your Groove Thing (Polydor)
TEDDY PENDERGRASS/Come Go With Me (Phil. Int'l)
TEDDY PENDERGRASS/Turn Off The Lights (Phil. Int'l)
PLEASURE/Glide (Fantasy)
POINTER SISTERS/Fire (Planet)
PRINCE/I Wanna Be Your Lover (WB)

r
LOU RAWLS/Let Me Be Good To You (Phil. Int'l)
RAYDIO/You Can't Change That (Arista)
MINNIE RIPERTON/Memory Lane (Capitol)
SMOKEY ROBINSON/Cruisin' (Tamla)
DAVID RUFFIN/Break My Heart (WB)
RUFUS & CHAKA/Do You Love What You Feel (MCA)

s
SISTER SLEDGE/He's The Greatest Dancer (Cotillion)
SISTER SLEDGE/We Are Family (Cotillion)
AMII STEWART/Knock On Wood (Ariola)
ROD STEWART/Da Ya Think I'm Sexy (WB)
SUGAR HILL GANG/Rapper's Delight (Sugar Hill)
DONNA SUMMER/Bad Girls (Casablanca)
DONNA SUMMER/Hot Stuff (Casablanca)
SWITCH/Best Beat In Town (Gordy)
SWITCH/I Call Your Name (Gordy)

t
TAVARES/Never Had A Love Like This Before (Capitol)

w
NARADA MICHAEL WALDEN/I Don't Want Nobody Else (Atlantic)
ANITA WARD/Ring My Bell (Juana/TK)
STEVIE WONDER/Send One Your Love (Tamla)

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TOP '79 OF '79

AOR

Supertramp

The AOR 79 of 1979 compiles airplay data from R&R's Album Airplay/40 charts of January through November of 1979. Albums which debuted close to year's end may show up significantly higher on 1980's year-end chart than they did for 1979.

Nine artists made Number One this year: **Bad Co.**, **Cars** ("Candy-O"), **Dire Straits** (first album), **Doobie Bros.**, **Eagles**, **Knack**, **Led Zeppelin**, **Rod Stewart** and **Supertramp**. **Supertramp** spent more weeks at number one than any other band, with eleven weeks total in the top spot.

Four groups landed two albums on the charts: **Cars**, **Dire Straits**, **Cheap Trick** and **Styx**.

This was a good year for debuting artists; eighteen charted on our year-end compilation. They were **AC/DC**, **Blues Bros.**, **Bram Tchaikovsky**, **Dire Straits**, **Fabulous Poodles**, **Ian Gomm**, **Joe Jackson**, **Rickie Lee Jones**, **Knack**, **Nick Lowe**, **McGuinn, Clark & Hillman**, **Molly Hatchet**, **New England**, **Police**, **Records**, **Sad Cafe**, **Sniff 'N' The Tears**, **Toto**, and **Tycoon**.

Warner Bros. topped all competition by placing 14 albums on the chart, with **Columbia** next at 11 charting acts.

Of the charting artists, 75 were male and 4 female. 59 were groups and another 20 were individual artists backed by various musicians. 45 were American acts and 34 were foreign.

Conspicuous in their absence this year were several artists who performed well on 1978's year-end compilation but who did not release new album product for 1979, including **Rolling Stones**, **Bob Seger**, **Jackson Browne**, **Bruce Springsteen**, **Warren Zevon**, **Steely Dan**, **Boston**, **Genesis** and **Linda Ronstadt**.

Doobie Bros.

Bad Co.

1	**SUPERTRAMP**	Breakfast In America (A&M)	*"Logical" "Stranger" Title "Home"*
2	**DOOBIE BROTHERS**	Minute By Minute (WB)	*"Fool" "Dependin' " Title*
3	**BAD COMPANY**	Desolation Angels (Swan Song)	*"Fantasy" "Atlanta" "Circles" "Wind"*
4	**CARS**	Candy-O (Elektra)	*"Go" "Can Do" "Type" Title*
5	**KNACK**	Get The Knack (Capitol)	*"Sharona" "Selfish" "Frustrated" "Good"*
6	**DIRE STRAITS**	Dire Straits (WB)	*"Sultans" "Waterline" "West End" "Water"*
7	**VAN HALEN**	Van Halen II (WB)	*"Dance" "Girls" "Bottom" "Good"*
8	**ROD STEWART**	Blondes Have More Fun (WB)	*"Bitch" "Shadows" "Sexy" "Summer"*
9	**CHEAP TRICK**	At Budokan (Epic)	*"Surrender" "Shame" "Want" "California"*
10	**RICKIE LEE JONES**	Rickie Lee Jones (WB)	*"Chuck E." "Joint" "Blood" "Texaco"*
11	**LED ZEPPELIN**	In Through The Out Door (Swan Song)	*"All" "Fool" "Evening" "Saurez"*
12	**ROBERT PALMER**	Secrets (Island)	*"Case" "Jealous" "Friends" "Suspicion"*
13	**ELVIS COSTELLO**	Armed Forces (Columbia)	*"Accidents" "Shirt" "Army" "Goon"*
14	**POCO**	Legend (MCA/ABC)	*"Crazy" "Heart" Title "Spellbound"*
15	**EDDIE MONEY**	Life For The Taking (Columbia)	*"Fool" "Good" "Water" "R&R"*
16	**ALLMAN BROTHERS**	Enlightened Rogues (Capricorn)	*"Crazy" "Pegasus" "Take It" "Sail"*
17	**BILLY JOEL**	52nd Street (Columbia)	*"Shot" "Eyes" "Zanzibar" "Night"*
18	**JOURNEY**	Evolution (Columbia)	*"Way" "Lovin'..." "Late" "Angels"*
19	**NEIL YOUNG & CRAZY HORSE**	Rust Never Sleeps (WB/Reprise)	*"My My..." "Finger" "Sail" "Hey Hey..."*
20	**KANSAS**	Monolith (Kirshner)	*"Southwind" "Reason" "Side" "Trouble"*
21	**ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA**	Discovery (Jet)	*"Down" "Shine" "Confusion" "Diary"*
22	**WINGS**	Back To The Egg (Columbia)	*"Closer" "Rockestra" "Arrow"*
23	**BLUES BROTHERS**	Briefcase Full Of Blues (Atlantic)	*"Soul" "Biscuit" "Bartender" "Almost"*
24	**GEORGE HARRISON**	George Harrison (Dark Horse)	*"Blow" "Everyone" "Faster" "Guilty"*
25	**CHARLIE DANIELS BAND**	Million Mile Reflections (Epic)	*"Devil" "Lane" "Eyes" "Reflections"*
26	**THE BABYS**	Head First (Chrysalis)	*"Think" Title "Got It" "California"*
27	**TOTO**	Toto (Columbia)	*"Goodbye" "Supply" "Georgy" "Hold"*
28	**McGUINN, CLARK & HILLMAN**	McGuinn, Clark & Hillman (Capitol)	*"Write" "Surrender" "Boy" "Pass"*
29	**FOREIGNER**	Head Games (Atlantic)	*"Boy" Title "Women" "Telephone"*
30	**NICK LOWE**	Labour Of Lust (Columbia)	*"Susan" "Crawling" "Cruel" "Kick"*
31	**KINKS**	Low Budget (Arista)	*"Superman" "Gas" "Falling" "Emotion"*
32	**JOE JACKSON**	Look Sharp! (A&M)	*"Going Out" "Papers" Title "Time"*
33	**BOB DYLAN**	Slow Train Coming (Columbia)	*"Serve" Title "Angel" "Right"*
34	**POLICE**	Outlandos d'Amour (A&M)	*"Roxanne" "Losing" "Love"*
35	**TALKING HEADS**	Fear Of Music (Sire)	*"Wartime" "Zimbra" "Paper" "Air"*
36	**DIRE STRAITS**	Communiqué (WB)	*"Writer" "West" Title "Sailor"*
37	**EAGLES**	The Long Run (Asylum)	*"Heartache" Title "Shoes" "King"*
38	**CHEAP TRICK**	Dream Police (Epic)	*Title "Hell" "Voices" "Tonight"*
39	**JAMES TAYLOR**	Flag (Columbia)	*"Day Tripper" "Company" "Roof" "Johnnie"*
40	**AC/DC**	Highway To Hell (Atlantic)	*Title "Rhythm" "Bush" "Touch"*
41	**MOLLY HATCHET**	Flirtin' With Disaster (Epic)	*Title "Whiskey" "Boogie" "All Over"*
42	**REO SPEEDWAGON**	Nine Lives (Epic)	*"Strong" "Road" "Heavy" "Me"*
43	**ALAN PARSONS PROJECT**	Eve (Arista)	*"Damned" "Dogs" "Man" "Up"*
44	**LITTLE RIVER BAND**	First Under The Wire (Capitol)	*"Loser" "Life" "Wonder" "Change"*
45	**SNIFF 'N' THE TEARS**	Fickle Heart (Atlantic)	*"Seat" "Lines"*
46	**STYX**	Cornerstone (A&M)	*"Babe" "Never" "Lights" "Time"*
47	**NICOLETTE LARSON**	Nicolette (WB)	*"Lotta" "Rhumba" "Do It" "Send"*
48	**ERIC CLAPTON**	Backless (RSO)	*"Lucy" "Promises" "Tulsa" "Tell Me"*
49	**GEORGE THOROGOOD & DESTROYERS**	Move It On Over (Rounder)	*Title "Love" "Me"*
50	**GERRY RAFFERTY**	Night Owl (UA)	*"Day" "Right" "Tourist" Title*
51	**JOHN STEWART**	Bombs Away Dream Babies (RSO)	*"Gold" "Wind" "Runaway" "Sun"*
52	**IAN HUNTER**	"You're Never Alone With A..." (Chrysalis)	*"Daylight" "Night" "Cleveland" "Bastard"*
53	**BRAM TCHAIKOVSKY**	Strange Man, Changed Man (Polydor)	*"Dreams" "Lady" "Leaving" "Nobody"*
54	**CARS**	Cars (Elektra)	*"Girl" "Needed" "Roll"*
55	**BOB WELCH**	Three Hearts (Capitol)	*Title "Church" "Love" "Wind"*
56	**JETHRO TULL**	Stormwatch (Chrysalis)	*"Move" "Oil" "Orion" "Ages"*
57	**BLUE OYSTER CULT**	Mirrors (Columbia)	*"Thee" "Dr." "Jester" Title*
58	**ROXY MUSIC**	Manifesto (Atco)	*"Dance" "Ain't" "Girl"*
59	**FLEETWOOD MAC**	Tusk (WB)	*Title "Sara" "Angel" "Sister"*
60	**PATTI SMITH**	Wave (Arista)	*"Frederick" "Star" "Barefoot"*
61	**J. GEILS BAND**	Sanctuary (EMI America)	*"Wild" "Kiss" Title*
62	**PETER FRAMPTON**	Where I Should Be (A&M)	*"Stand" Title "Hand" "Begun"*
63	**PAT TRAVERS**	Go For What You Know (Polydor)	*"Boom" "Stevie"*
64	**MARSHALL TUCKER BAND**	Running Like The Wind (WB)	*"Cowboys" "Friend" Title "Pass"*
65	**ATLANTIC RHYTHM SECTION**	Underdog (Polydor)	*"Die" "Spooky" "Born" "Blues"*
66	**JIMMY BUFFETT**	Volcano (MCA)	*"Fins" Title "Lady" "Drinks"*
67	**IAN GOMM**	Gomm With The Wind (Stiff/Epic)	*"Hold" "24 Hr." "Come"*
68	**FABULOUS POODLES**	Mirror Stars (Epic)	*Title "Roll" "Mike" "Work"*
69	**NEW ENGLAND**	New England (Infinity)	*"Lose" "Fear" "P.U.N.K." "Hello"*
70	**WHO**	The Kids Are Alright (MCA)	*"Rock" "Fooled" "Baba" "Bus"*
71	**BLONDIE**	Eat To The Beat (Chrysalis)	*"Dreaming" "Accidents..." "Shayla" "Union"*
72	**SAD CAFE**	Misplaced Ideals (A&M)	*"Run" "Restless" "Rose"*
73	**STYX**	Pieces Of Eight (A&M)	*"Sing" "Renegade" Title "Collar"*
74	**TYCOON**	Tycoon (Arista)	*"Woman" "Boy" "Late"*
75	**FOGHAT**	Boogie Motel (Bearsville/WB)	*"Bad" "Lucky" Title "Nervous"*
76	**SANTANA**	Marathon (Columbia)	*"Wanted" "Lightning" "Times"*
77	**RECORDS**	Records (Virgin)	*"Eyes" "Teenarama" "Girls"*
78	**GRATEFUL DEAD**	Shakedown Street (Arista)	*Title "Good Lovin' "*
79	**NILS LOFGREN**	Nils (A&M)	*"Baltimore" "Steal" "Mercy"*

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Records That Reached THE TOP 15 In 1979

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Artist—Title—Label	Peak	Date Reached
a		
AC/DC/Highway To Hell (Atlantic)	9	9/38
AEROSMITH/Night In The Ruts (Columbia)	13	11/30
ALLMAN BROS./Enlightened Rogues (Capricorn)	3	4/6
ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/Underdog (Polydor)	10	7/13
b		
THE BABYS/Head First (Chrysalis)	12	2/16
BAD COMPANY/Desolation Angels (Swan Song)	❶	4/6
BLONDIE/Eat To The Beat (Chrysalis)	8	11/16
BLUE OYSTER CULT/Mirrors (Columbia)	12	8/10
BLUES BROS./Briefcase Full Of Blues (Atlantic)	2	2/2
JIMMY BUFFETT/Volcano (MCA)	10	10/5
c		
CARS/Candy-O (Elektra)	❶	7/13
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND/Million Mile Reflections (Epic)	11	8/3
CHEAP TRICK/At Budokan (Epic)	5	6/1
CHEAP TRICK/Dream Police (Epic)	3	10/5
ERIC CLAPTON/Backless (RSO)	3	1/12
ELVIS COSTELLO/Armed Forces (Columbia)	5	3/9
d		
DIRE STRAITS/Dire Straits (WB)	❶	2/16
DIRE STRAITS/Communiqué (WB)	4	7/13
DOOBIE BROS./Minute By Minute (WB)	❶	2/23
BOB DYLAN/Slow Train Coming (Columbia)	3	9/28
e		
EAGLES/The Long Run (Asylum)	❶	10/19
ELECTRIC LIGHT ORCHESTRA/Discovery (Jet)	2	6/29
f		
FABULOUS POODLES/Mirror Stars (Epic)	15	2/23
FLEETWOOD MAC/Tusk (WB)	2	11/2
FOGHAT/Boogie Motel (Bearsville/WB)	10	11/2
FOREIGNER/Head Games (Atlantic)	2	9/28
PETER FRAMPTON/Where I Should Be (A&M)	7	7/6
g		
IAN GOMM/Gomm With The Wind (Stiff/Epic)	13	10/12
GRATEFUL DEAD/Shakedown Street (Arista)	10	1/19
h		
GEORGE HARRISON/George Harrison (Dark Horse)	3	3/23
IAN HUNTER/"You're Never Alone..." (Chrysalis)	13	6/1
j		
JOE JACKSON/Look Sharp! (A&M)	10	5/25
JOE JACKSON/I'm The Man (A&M)	9	11/23
JEFFERSON STARSHIP/Freedom At Point Zero (Grunt/RCA)	6	11/30
JETHRO TULL/Stormwatch (Chrysalis)	7	10/19
J. GEILS BAND/Sanctuary (EMI America)	10	2/2
BILLY JOEL/52nd Street (Columbia)	2	1/12
RICKIE LEE JONES/Rickie Lee Jones (WB)	2	6/8
JOURNEY/Evolution (Columbia)	3	5/4
k		
KANSAS/Monolith (Kirshner)	2	6/22
KINKS/Low Budget (Arista)	4	8/17
KNACK/Get The Knack (Capitol)	❶	8/31
l		
NICOLETTE LARSON/Nicolette (WB)	9	1/19
LED ZEPPELIN/In Through The Out Door (Swan Song)	❶	9/7
LITTLE RIVER BAND/First Under The Wire (Capitol)	6	8/24
NILS LOFGREN/Nils (A&M)	14	8/24
NICK LOWE/Labour Of Lust (Columbia)	6	8/31
m		
McGUINN, CLARK & HILLMAN/McG., C. & H. (Capitol)	10	2/23
MARSHALL TUCKER BAND/Running Like The Wind (WB)	8	6/1
EDDIE MONEY/Life For The Taking (Columbia)	3	3/2
MOON MARTIN/Escape From Domination (Capitol)	14	10/5
MOLLY HATCHET/Flirtin' With Disaster (Epic)	7	10/5
n		
NEW ENGLAND/New England (Infinity/MCA)	11	5/18
TED NUGENT/State Of Shock (Epic)	7	6/15
p		
ROBERT PALMER/Secrets (Island)	3	8/10
ALAN PARSONS PROJECT/Eve (Arista)	5	10/5
TOM PETTY & HEARTBREAKERS/Damn The Torpedoes (Backstreet/MCA)	3	11/30
POCO/Legend (MCA/ABC)	3	11/30
POINTER SISTERS/Energy (Planet)	15	2/16
POLICE/Outlandos d'Amour (A&M)	11	4/27
POLICE/Reggatta de Blanc (A&M)	8	11/23
q		
QUEEN/Jazz (Elektra)	6	1/19
r		
GERRY RAFFERTY/Night Owl (UA)	6	6/15
BONNIE RAITT/Glow (WB)	15	10/26
RECORDS/Records (Virgin)	13	9/21
REO SPEEDWAGON/Nine Lives (Epic)	8	8/31
LINDA RONSTADT/Living In The USA (Asylum)	8	1/12
ROXY MUSIC/Manifesto (Atco)	12	4/27
s		
SAD CAFE/Misplaced Ideals (A&M)	12	2/23
SANTANA/Marathon (Columbia)	11	11/2
PATTI SMITH/Wave (Arista)	7	6/8
SNIFF 'N' THE TEARS/Fickle Heart (Atlantic)	9	8/31
CAT STEVENS/Back To Earth (A&M)	11	1/19
AL STEWART/Time Passages (Arista)	13	1/12
JOHN STEWART/Bombs Away Dream Babies (RSO)	8	7/6
ROD STEWART/Blondes Have More Fun (WB)	❶	1/12
STYX/Pieces Of Eight (A&M)	14	1/12
STYX/Cornerstone (A&M)	3	11/23
SUPERTRAMP/Breakfast In America (A&M)	❶	4/13
t		
TALKING HEADS/Fear Of Music (Sire)	13	10/19
JAMES TAYLOR/Flag (Columbia)	5	5/25
BRAM TCHAIKOVSKY/Strange Man, Changed Man (Polydor)	11	7/27
GEORGE THOROGOOD & THE DESTROYERS/Move It On Over (Rounder)	16	1/19
TOTO/Toto (Columbia)	6	1/12
TOTO/Hydra (Columbia)	11	11/30
PAT TRAVERS/Go For What You Know (Polydor)	13	8/31
TYCOON/Tycoon (Arista)	13	5/18
v		
VAN HALEN/Van Halen II (WB)	3	5/11
w		
WARRIORS/Various Artists (A&M)	12	5/11
BOB WELCH/Three Hearts (Capitol)	5	3/23
DAVID WERNER/David Werner (Epic)	15	8/31
WHO/The Kids Are Alright (MCA)	11	7/20
WINGS/Back To The Egg (Columbia)	2	7/13
y		
NEIL YOUNG/Comes A Time (WB/Reprise)	15	1/12
NEIL YOUNG/Rust Never Sleeps (WB/Reprise)	4	8/24
z		
FRANK ZAPPA/Sheik Yerbouti (Zappa)	13	5/4
ZZ TOP/Deguello (WB)	8	11/30

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Country

1 KENNY ROGERS/She Believes In Me (UA)
2 ANNE MURRAY/I Just Fall In Love Again (Capitol)
3 DON WILLIAMS/It Must Be Love (MCA)
4 WAYLON JENNINGS/Amanda (RCA)
5 KENNY ROGERS & DOTTIE WEST/All I Ever Need Is You (UA)
6 KENNY ROGERS/You Decorated My Life (UA)
7 RONNIE MILSAP/Back On My Mind Again (RCA)
8 ANNE MURRAY/Shadows In The Moonlight (Capitol)
9 DOLLY PARTON/You're The Only One (RCA)
10 CHARLIE DANIELS BAND/The Devil Went Down To Georgia (Epic)
11 CONWAY TWITTY/I May Never Get To Heaven (MCA)
12 ANNE MURRAY/Broken Hearted Me (Capitol)
13 JOHN CONLEE/Before My Time (MCA)
14 EDDIE RABBITT/Every Which Way But Loose (Elektra)
15 RONNIE MILSAP/Nobody Likes Sad Songs (RCA)
16 CRYSTAL GAYLE/Half The Way (Columbia)
17 MEL TILLIS/Coca Cola Cowboy (MCA)
18 LARRY GATLIN/All The Gold In California (Columbia)
19 CHARLEY PRIDE/Where Do I Put Her Memory (RCA)
20 JOHN CONLEE/Backside Of Thirty (ABC/MCA)
21 BELLAMY BROTHERS/If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body... (WB/Curb)
22 DAVE & SUGAR/Golden Tears (RCA)
23 T.G. SHEPPARD/Last Cheater's Waltz (WB/Curb)
24 CONWAY TWITTY/Don't Take It Away (MCA)
25 CHARLEY PRIDE/You're My Jamaica (RCA)
26 OAK RIDGE BOYS/Sail Away (MCA)
27 CRYSTAL GAYLE/Why Have You Left The One You Left Me For (UA)
28 DOLLY PARTON/I Really Got A Feeling/Baby I'm Burnin' (RCA)
29 HANK WILLIAMS JR./Whiskey Bent And Hell Bound (Elektra)
30 DON WILLIAMS/Tulsa Time (ABC)
31 KENNY ROGERS/Coward Of The County (UA)
32 BARBARA MANDRELL/(If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't... (ABC/MCA)
33 CRYSTAL GAYLE/When I Dream (UA)
34 DON WILLIAMS/Lay Down Beside Me (ABC/MCA)
35 BILLY "CRASH" CRADDOCK/If I Could Write A Song As... (Capitol)
36 JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS/Lying In Love With You (RCA)
37 WAYLON JENNINGS/Come With Me (RCA)
38 JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS/Fools (RCA)
39 MOE BANDY/It's A Cheating Situation (Columbia)
40 MEL TILLIS/Blind In Love (Elektra)

41 CONWAY TWITTY/Happy Birthday Darlin' (MCA)
42 OAK RIDGE BOYS/Dream On (MCA)
43 T.G. SHEPPARD/You Feel Good All Over (WB/Curb)
44 EDDIE RABBITT/Suspicions (Elektra)
45 MOE & JOE/Just Good Ol' Boys (Columbia)
46 LORETTA LYNN/I Can't Feel You Anymore (MCA)
47 KENNY ROGERS & DOTTIE WEST/All I Can Make It On My Own (UA)
48 WILLIE NELSON & LEON RUSSELL/Heartbreak Hotel (Columbia)
49 MEL TILLIS/Send Me Down To Tucson (MCA)
50 OAK RIDGE BOYS/Come On In (ABC)
51 JOHNNY DUNCAN/The Lady In The Blue Mercedes (Columbia)
52 EDDIE RABBITT/Pour Me Another Tequila (Elektra)
53 CHARLEY PRIDE/Missin' You (RCA)
54 CONWAY TWITTY/Your Love Had Taken Me That High (MCA)
55 BARBARA MANDRELL/Fooled By A Feeling (MCA)
56 JOHNNY CASH/(Ghost Riders) In The Sky (Columbia)
57 MERLE HAGGARD/Red Bandana (MCA)
58 EMMYLOU HARRIS/Save The Last Dance For Me (WB)
59 GENE WATSON/Should I Come Home (Or Should I Go Crazy) (Capitol)
60 KENDALLS/I Had A Lovely Time (Ovation)
61 HANK WILLIAMS JR./Family Tradition (Elektra)
62 CHARLIE RICH/I'll Wake You Up When I Get Home (Elektra)
63 WILLIE NELSON/Sweet Memories (RCA)
64 JOHNNY DUNCAN/Slow Dancing (Columbia)
65 RAZZY BAILEY/Tonight She's Gonna Love Me (Like There Was...) (RCA)
66 CRYSTAL GAYLE/Your Kisses Will (UA)
67 MOE BANDY/I Cheated Me Right Out Of You (Columbia)
68 DONNA FARGO/Somebody Special (WB)
69 TAMMY WYNETTE/No One Else In The World (Epic)
70 EMMYLOU HARRIS/Blue Kentucky Girl (WB)
71 TANYA TUCKER/Texas (When I Die) (MCA)
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73 LORETTA LYNN/I've Got A Picture Of Us On My Mind (MCA)
74 RONNIE MILSAP/In No Time At All (RCA)
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76 GENE WATSON/Farewell Party (Capitol)
77 DOLLY PARTON/Sweet Summer Lovin' (RCA)
78 T.G. SHEPPARD/Happy Together (WB/Curb)
79 ELVIS PRESLEY/There's A Honky Tonk Angel (RCA)

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One of the best years for country music is rapidly coming to a close. Again this year, the "pop-flavored" sound dominated the airwaves of Country radio. Most will agree, along with better radio programming, personality, news, and community involvement, Country radio sounded better than ever because of the quality music product in 1979. The numbers are in and here is what happened:

Starting at the top, **Kenny Rogers**'s single, "She Believes In Me," on **United Artists Records** was Number One for 1979. For the year, Rogers had three Number One songs as an individual and another with **Dottie West** in a duo performance. A close second to Kenny Rogers was **Anne Murray**'s "I Just Fall In Love Again," as Rogers's record just edged Anne's for the top Country single of 1979.

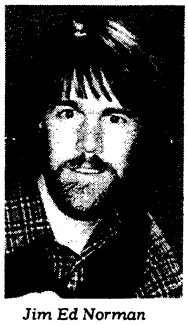
Of the three singles Anne Murray had on the chart in 1979, all went to Number One. She controlled the top of the weekly charts for seven weeks. As a solo, Kenny Rogers's three singles were at Number One for six weeks total. (This week, the Rogers single "Coward Of The County," went to Number One, making that his third for the year.) Beyond the six weeks at Number One for his solo efforts, Rogers helped command another three weeks at Number One with his duet with Dottie West.

Conway Twitty and **Crystal Gayle** each had four songs make the "Top 79." (Again, technically, Kenny Rogers appears on this chart five times; three times on his own and twice with Dottie West.)

The following artists had three singles on this year's "Top 79:" **Ronnie Milsap, Anne Murray, Oak Ridge Boys, Dolly Parton, Charley Pride, Eddie Rabbitt, Kenny Rogers, T.G. Sheppard, Mel Tillis, Conway Twitty** and **Don Williams**. Each of these artists had two records listed: **Moe Bandy, Jim Ed Brown & Helen Cornelius, John Conlee, Johnny Duncan, Merle Haggard, Emmylou Harris, Waylon Jennings, Loretta Lynn, Barbara Mandrell, Willie Nelson** (one as a duet with **Leon Russell**), **Kenny Rogers & Dottie West, Gene Watson, Hank Williams Jr.**, and **Tammy Wynette**.

During the past year, there were 31 different number one records. Looking at R&R's calculations for 1978, the following recording artists had Number One singles this year, but did *not* have any last year: the **Bellamy Brothers, John Conlee**, the **Charlie Daniels Band**, Anne Murray, Oak Ridge Boys, T.G. Sheppard, Conway Twitty, and Hank Williams Jr.

Two Number One records were recorded by each of the following: John Conlee, Crystal Gayle, Ronnie Milsap, Dolly Parton, Charley Pride, Conway Twitty and Don Williams. As an interesting side note, two songs this year reached Number One, then dropped back to Number Two, returning to the Number One position on the following week's R&R Country chart. Ronnie Milsap's "Back On My Mind Again" was Number One the week of February 9, dropping to Number Two on February 16, only to retain its Number One status on February 23. Eddie Rabbitt's "Every Which Way But Loose" was Number One on February 2, dropped to Number Two on February 9, and returned to Number One on the 16th.



Jim Ed Norman

R&R would also like to salute the two producers who produced the most Number One records of the year. First, **Jim Ed Norman** should be recognized for helping to create the sound of Anne Murray. As previously mentioned, her three Number One songs were at the top of the weekly R&R Country charts a total of seven weeks. The other producer deserving of recognition is **Larry Butler**. His genius was the guiding force behind Kenny Rogers and the Kenny Rogers & Dottie West singles of 1979. As was mentioned before, their four songs (three for Kenny and one for the duet) held Number One in R&R for a total of nine weeks during 1979. Hats off to two of the "best in the Country!"

Larry Butler

The two most active record labels of 1979 were **RCA** and **MCA Records**, followed closely by **Columbia/Epic Records**. RCA, for the second year in a row, was the leading label with 17 records on the "Top 79 of 1979." MCA Records had 16. With the merger of MCA and **ABC Records** in the earlier part of 1979, you could technically add three more records to their list. Since they were originally released on ABC, these songs are listed as ABC/MCA in our chart. **CBS Records** (Columbia and Epic Records) had a total of 12 records on the R&R list; nine for Columbia and three for Epic. **United Artists** brought in nine records, **Warner Brothers** and **Elektra Records** each had seven, and **Capitol** totalled six records in the "Top 79."

RCA and MCA equally controlled the Number One spot on the weekly Country charts; each having eight Number One records. Those eight records gave each label 12 weeks of chart dominance; between them a total of 24 weeks of Number One songs were from RCA and MCA Records.

Again, looking back to 1978, here is a list of the names that did not show on last year's year-end charts. **Moe Bandy, Moe & Joe, Razzy Bailey**, the Bellamy Brothers, the Charlie Daniels Band, **Tanya Tucker**, Gene Watson, Hank Williams Jr. and Willie & Leon. All of these appeared on this year's final list of the top hits of the year.

The only other breakout we have is in artist categories. Forty-six of the "Top 79" in Country were by male vocalists. Twenty were by female vocalists and thirteen would fall in the group or vocal duo category.

Indeed, it was a GREAT year for Country Music!

Records That Reached THE TOP 15 In 1979

Country

Artist—Title—Label	Peak	Date Reached
a		
SUSIE ALLANSON/Two Steps Forward And Three Steps Back (WB)	15	6/22
REX ALLEN JR./It's Time We Talk Things Over (WB)	10	1/26
REX ALLEN JR./Me And My Broken Heart (WB)	7	6/8
LYNN ANDERSON/Isn't It Always Love (Columbia)	12	5/11
HOYT AXTON/Della And The Dealer (Jeremiah)	7	7/20
HOYT AXTON/A Rusty Old Halo (Jeremiah)	11	11/30
b		
RAZZY BAILEY/Tonight She's Gonna Love Me (Like There Was No Tomorrow) (RCA)	4	2/16
RAZZY BAILEY/If Love Had A Face (RCA)	7	6/22
RAZZY BAILEY/I Ain't Got No Business Doin' Business Today (RCA)	12	10/12
MOE BANDY/It's A Cheating Situation (Columbia)	2	3/23
MOE BANDY/Barstool Mountain (Columbia)	9	8/3
MOE BANDY/I Cheated Me Right Out Of You (Columbia)	4	11/30
RANDY BARLOW/Sweet Melinda (Republic)	15	6/1
BELLAMY BROTHERS/If I Said You Had A Beautiful Body (Would You Hold It Against Me) (WB/Curb)	❶	5/18
BELLAMY BROTHERS/You Ain't Just Whistling Dixie (WB/Curb)	8	10/15
DEBBY BOONE/My Heart Has A Mind Of Its Own (WB/Curb)	12	3/9
JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS/You Don't Bring Me Flowers (RCA)	12	1/26
JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS/Lying In Love With You (RCA)	2	5/18
JIM ED BROWN & HELEN CORNELIUS/Fools (RCA)	2	9/21
c		
GLEN CAMPBELL/I'm Gonna Love You (Capitol)	8	3/30
JOHNNY CASH/(Ghost Riders) In The Sky (Columbia)	4	7/13
ROSANNE CASH w/BOBBY BARE/No Memories Hangin' Around (Columbia)	14	11/2
JOHN CONLEE/Lady Lay Down (ABC)	5	1/12
JOHN CONLEE/Backside Of Thirty (ABC/MCA)	❶	5/4
JOHN CONLEE/Before My Time (MCA)	❶	10/12
BILLY "CRASH" CRADDOCK/If I Could Write A Song As Beautiful As You (Capitol)	2	3/16
d		
KENNY DALE/Only Love Can Break A Heart (Capitol)	8	9/14
CHARLIE DANIELS BAND/The Devil Went Down To Georgia (Epic)	❶	8/17
DAVE & SUGAR/Golden Tears (RCA)	❶	3/9
DAVE & SUGAR/Stay With Me (RCA)	7	8/17
DAVE & SUGAR/My World Begins And Ends With You (RCA)	7	12/14
GAIL DAVIES/Someone Is Looking For Someone Like You (Lifesong)	9	4/27
DOTTSY/Tryin' To Satisfy You (RCA)	9	3/23
JOHNNY DUNCAN/Slow Dancing (Columbia)	4	4/20
JOHNNY DUNCAN/The Lady In The Blue Mercedes (Columbia)	3	11/23
f		
DONNA FARGO/Somebody Special (WB)	5	3/23
DONNA FARGO/Daddy (WB)	11	9/7
JANIE FRICKE/Love Your Troubles Away For A While (Columbia)	15	4/27
g		
LARRY GATLIN/I've Done Enough Dying Today (Monument)	8	1/12
LARRY GATLIN/All The Gold In California (Columbia)	❶	10/19
CRYSTAL GAYLE/Why Have You Left The One You Left Me For (UA)	❶	1/26
CRYSTAL GAYLE/When I Dream (UA)	2	6/1
CRYSTAL GAYLE/Your Kisses Will (UA)	4	9/7
CRYSTAL GAYLE/Half The Way (Columbia)	❶	11/16
MICKEY GILLEY/The Song We Made Love To (Epic/Playboy)	13	1/26
MICKEY GILLEY/Just Long Enough To Say Goodbye (Epic/Playboy)	12	5/25
MICKEY GILLEY/My Silver Lining (Epic/Playboy)	10	9/14
VERN GOSDIN/You've Got Somebody, I've Got Somebody (Elektra)	14	5/11
h		
MERLE HAGGARD/Red Bandana (MCA)	4	6/8
MERLE HAGGARD/My Own Kind Of Hat (MCA)	6	11/2
TOM T. HALL/Son Of Clayton Delaney (RCA)	10	3/9
TOM T. HALL/You Show Me Your Heart (And I'll Show You Mine) (RCA)	7	11/23
EMMYLOU HARRIS/Too Far Gone (WB)	9	3/30
EMMYLOU HARRIS/Save The Last Dance For Me (WB)	4	7/27
EMMYLOU HARRIS/Blue Kentucky Girl (WB)	5	11/16
CON HUNLEY/I've Been Waiting For You All Of My Life (WB)	11	3/30
CON HUNLEY/Since I Fell For You (WB)	12	7/20
j		
WAYLON JENNINGS/Amanda (RCA)	❶	6/29
WAYLON JENNINGS/Come With Me (RCA)	2	11/16
GEORGE JONES & JOHNNY PAYCHECK/Mabellene (Epic)	8	2/2
k		
KENDALLS/I Had A Lovely Time (Ovation)	4	3/16
KENDALLS/Just Like Real People (Ovation)	11	6/22
KENDALLS/I Don't Do Like That No More (Ovation)	13	10/12
l		
CRISTY LANE/I Just Can't Stay Married To You (LS)	9	2/9
CRISTY LANE/Simple Little Words (LS)	10	7/13
BRENDA LEE/Tell Me What It's Like (MCA)	9	12/14
LORETTA LYNN/We've Come A Long Way, Baby (MCA)	14	1/12
LORETTA LYNN/I Can't Feel You Anymore (MCA)	3	7/6
LORETTA LYNN/I've Got A Picture Of Us On My Mind (MCA)	5	11/30
m		
CHARLY McCLAIN/When A Love Ain't Right (Epic)	9	7/13
BARBARA MANDRELL/(If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right (ABC/MCA)	2	4/6
BARBARA MANDRELL/Fooled By A Feeling (MCA)	4	10/12
LOUISE MANDRELL & R.C. BANNON/Reunited (Epic)	9	7/20
RONNIE MILSAP/Back On My Mind Again (RCA)	❶	2/9
RONNIE MILSAP/Nobody Likes Sad Songs (RCA)	❶	6/22
RONNIE MILSAP/In No Time At All (RCA)	6	10/5
MOE & JOE/Just Good Ol' Boys (Columbia)	3	9/14
ANNE MURRAY/I Just Fall In Love Again (Capitol)	❶	3/16
ANNE MURRAY/Shadows In The Moonlight (Capitol)	❶	7/13
ANNE MURRAY/Broken Hearted Me (Capitol)	❶	11/16
n		
WILLIE NELSON/Whiskey River (Columbia)	10	2/16
WILLIE NELSON/Sweet Memories (RCA)	4	4/13
WILLIE NELSON/September Song (Columbia)	12	6/8
WILLIE NELSON & LEON RUSSELL/Heartbreak Hotel (Columbia)	3	8/17
o		
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Come On In (ABC)	3	2/9
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Sail Away (MCA)	❶	5/25
OAK RIDGE BOYS/Dream On (MCA)	3	9/28
KENNY O'DELL/As Long As I Can Wake Up In Your Arms (Capricorn)	15	1/19
BUCK OWENS w/EMMYLOU HARRIS/Play Together Again Again (WB)	8	7/13
p		
DOLLY PARTON/Baby I'm Burnin'/I Really Got The Feeling (RCA)	❶	1/19
DOLLY PARTON/You're The Only One (RCA)	❶	7/27
DOLLY PARTON/Sweet Summer Lovin' (RCA)	6	10/26
ELVIS PRESLEY/Are You Sincere (RCA)	11	6/8
ELVIS PRESLEY/There's A Honky Tonk Angel (RCA)	6	9/21
CHARLEY PRIDE/Where Do I Put Her Memory (RCA)	❶	4/27
CHARLEY PRIDE/You're My Jamaica (RCA)	❶	9/14
CHARLEY PRIDE/Missin' You (RCA)	2	12/14
r		
EDDIE RABBITT/Every Which Way But Loose (Elektra)	❶	2/2
EDDIE RABBITT/Suspicions (Elektra)	3	7/27
EDDIE RABBITT/Pour Me Another Tequila (Elektra)	3	12/14
JERRY REED/Gimme Back My Blues (RCA)	15	1/12
JIM REEVES/Don't Let Me Crossover (RCA)	9	8/17
CHARLIE RICH/I'll Wake You Up When I Get Home (Elektra)	4	2/23
MARTY ROBBINS/Touch Me With Magic (Columbia)	13	4/13
JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ/Alibis (Mercury)	13	2/16
JOHNNY RODRIGUEZ/Down On The Rio Grande (Epic)	7	5/11
KENNY ROGERS/The Gambler (UA) (NOTE: *Reached #1 12/7/78*)	13	1/12
KENNY ROGERS/She Believes In Me (UA)	❶	6/8
KENNY ROGERS/You Decorated My Life (UA)	❶	10/26
KENNY ROGERS/Coward Of The County (UA)	❶	12/14
KENNY ROGERS & DOTTIE WEST/All I Ever Need Is You (UA)	❶	4/6
KENNY ROGERS & DOTTIE WEST/Till I Can Make It On My Own (UA)	3	9/7
JOHN WESLEY RYLES/Liberated Woman (MCA)	12	7/27
s		
T.G. SHEPPARD/Happy Together (WB/Curb)	6	2/9
T.G. SHEPPARD/You Feel Good All Over (WB/Curb)	3	6/15
T.G. SHEPPARD/Last Cheater's Waltz (WB/Curb)	❶	10/12
MARGO SMITH/Still A Woman (WB)	8	3/9
MARGO SMITH/If I Give My Heart To You (WB)	8	6/29
BILLIE JO SPEARS/I Will Survive (UA)	14	6/15
JOE STAMPLEY/Do You Ever Fool Around (Epic)	6	1/12
JOE STAMPLEY/I Don't Lie (Epic)	9	6/29
JOE STAMPLEY/Put Your Clothes Back On (Epic)	11	10/26
STATLER BROTHERS/The Official Historian On Shirley Jean Berrell (Mercury)	7	1/12
STATLER BROTHERS/How To Be A Country Star (Mercury)	9	5/18
STATLER BROTHERS/Here We Are Again (Mercury)	9	8/31
t		
MEL TILLIS/Send Me Down To Tucson (MCA)	3	3/16
MEL TILLIS/Coca Cola Cowboy (MCA)	❶	8/10
MEL TILLIS/Blind In Love (Elektra)	2	11/23
TANYA TUCKER/Texas (When I Die) (MCA)	5	2/9
CONWAY TWITTY/Your Love Had Taken Me That High (MCA)	3	1/12
CONWAY TWITTY/Don't Take It Away (MCA)	❶	5/11
CONWAY TWITTY/I May Never Get To Heaven (MCA)	❶	8/31
CONWAY TWITTY/Happy Birthday Darlin' (MCA)	2	12/7
w		
JACKY WARD/Wisdom Of A Fool (Mercury)	9	4/20
JACKY WARD/You're My Kind Of Woman (Mercury)	14	11/9
JENNIFER WARNES/I Know A Heartache When I See One (Arista)	15	8/31
GENE WATSON/Farewell Party (Capitol)	6	4/27
GENE WATSON/Pick The Wildwood Flower (Capitol)	7	8/3
GENE WATSON/Should I Come Home (Or Should I Go Crazy) (Capitol)	4	11/9
DON WILLIAMS/Tulsa Time (ABC)	❶	1/12
DON WILLIAMS/Lay Down Beside Me (ABC/MCA)	2	5/11
DON WILLIAMS/It Must Be Love (MCA)	❶	9/21
HANK WILLIAMS JR./Family Tradition (Elektra)	4	8/17
HANK WILLIAMS JR./Whiskey Bent And Hell Bound (Elektra)	❶	12/7
TAMMY WYNETTE/They Call It Making Love (Epic)	5	4/13
TAMMY WYNETTE/No One Else In The World (Epic)	5	8/3

TOP OF '79

P/A

The story this year, in terms of comebacks, starts right at the very top of the Pop/Adult list. **Herb Alpert** has not experienced such massive airplay and adult acceptance since his vocal treatment of the Bacharach-David song, "This Guy's In Love" in mid-1968. Alpert's return to the forefront in popular music, more than a decade later, comes in the form of his early hit recordings – trumpet, not voice. While we are talking of such lofty positions, the Number 2 overall P/A entry for 1979, **Dionne Warwick**'s "I'll Never Love This Way Again," holds a common bond of sorts with Alpert in-as-much as Warwick's version of Alpert's Bacharach-David hit was a giant the next year – titled "This *Girl's* In Love." Both of these great artists close the 70's on a high note.

In the #3 position for '79 is a well-known lady, **Anne Murray**. While she didn't score as dramatically as she did last year (when she offered multi-award-winning "You Needed Me"), her three Number 1 releases: "I Just Fall In Love Again," overall third for the year; "Shadows In The Moonlight," her summer smash; and the recent "Broken Hearted Me" have certainly placed her as the First Lady of Pop/Adult music this year. In checking R&R's files, Ms. Murray is the first artist ever to have three number one singles in any given year!

Kenny Rogers, another from the pop side of country music, came very close to equalling Murray's chart record by scoring *two* number one entries with his top-of-the-year offering, plus "The Gambler" peaking in '79 at #7. Reaching the top spot were the ballads, "She Believes In Me" (which registered an overall #4 ranking) and "You Decorated My Life."

The no surprise top ten entry this year goes to **Barbra Streisand**, scoring with her solo "The Main Event/Fight" and a duo effort with disco queen **Donna Summer**, "No More Tears/Enough Is Enough." Back again is **Maxine Nightingale** with a new label and another smash entry, "Lead Me On."

Although **Peaches & Herb** have scored before, never have they come in as strong with P/A audiences as they have with "Reunited." **Randy Vanwarmer**'s "Just When I Needed You Most" and another top ten instrumental, "Music Box Dancer" by **Frank Mills**, feature new artists who scored substantially for the first time. Anchoring the top ten is **Robert John**, who's been around, but with few hits until "Sad Eyes."

Special Mention

Some artists missed the year's top ten but still deserve acknowledgement. **Earth, Wind & Fire** with "After The Love Has Gone," reached the weekly top spot on 9-14. **Michael Johnson**'s "This Night Won't Last Forever" reached a high of #4 September 21st . . . The **Commodores** registered a near bullseye with "Sail On" *and* "Still," both reaching the runner-up spot within a six-week period of each other. Additionally, another double-scoring artist, **Maureen McGovern**, made her mark on the last slice of the '70's with "Different Worlds" peaking at No. 3, and topped it off with "Can You Read My Mind" at No. 6.

An Intriguing Postscript

Interesting to note that in the top ten of '79 *no* groups are represented (**Peaches & Herb** at #9 would be called a duo), which is quite a different story compared to the bulk of the decade.

. . . Then There Were Triple Plays

The dominance factor was not quite as concentrated this year as compared to 1978, when the **Bee Gees, Barry Manilow,** and **Billy Joel** divided most of the pie. However, there were strongholds such as the aforementioned Kenny Rogers, Anne Murray, and the Bee Gees winding up with three top 15 entries during the year. The following are first-timers in this exclusive category: **Doobie Brothers**, with "What A Fool Believes" achieving the highest of their three with a #5 in late March; **Little River Band**'s "Lonesome Loser" topped at #8 in September, with special mention for "Lady," which peaked during late last year but continued strong in the early stages of 1979; and finally **Gerry Rafferty**, whose biggest score was with "Get It Right Next Time," which topped at #10.

And Then There Were Two

There were many who scored two top 15 entries, with special mention for the following who scored their deuce in the top 5: **Barry Manilow** (maybe an off year for him, but a giant by any other standard) had both "Somewhere In The Night" and "Ships" climb to the No. 1 position. Both **Commodores** entries, "Sail On" and "Still," got to the No. 2 slot. **Neil Diamond** made a comeback of sorts as he scored with "Forever In Blue Jeans" at No. 3 and "Say Maybe" peaking at No. 5. **Billy Joel** wound up the decade with "My Life" and "Honesty" reaching No. 2 & No. 4 respectively. **Olivia Newton-John** continues to charm as she leveled twice at #2 with "A Little More Love" and "Deeper Than The Night."

Dynamic Duos

As mentioned earlier, 1979 took on an artist comeback feel with Alpert and Warwick scoring so heavily. To a lesser degree, the same thing happened to the **Captain & Tennille**, who last year scored only once but came back with two this year, and on two different labels, A&M and Casablanca. But the most interesting "duo" note is Barbra Streisand. The versatile performer registered top 5 entries with two *different* partners: Neil Diamond on "You Don't Bring Me Flowers" and Donna Summer with "No More Tears."

First Time On Top

Newer artists scoring all the way for the first time are always gratifying to note, and this year is no exception. Earth, Wind & Fire's "After The Love Has Gone" hit the No. 1 slot in September, **Nicolette Larson** did it in February with "Lotta Love," Frank Mills gave 1979 its first instrumental chart topper in March with "Music Box Dancer," and **Suzi Quatro & Chris Norman** teamed up for April's "Stumblin' In."

Trends

An observation of trends is always, at best, subjective. But after talking with several key Pop/Adult programmers during the waning days of the 70's, there appears to be a continuing course towards a softer and more mature approach. Acts that were considered just a few years ago to be unplayable on a P/A outlet are now making great gains in the adult market. Artists like **Dr. Hook, Earth, Wind & Fire, Commodores, Nigel Olsson, Bob Seger,** and **Styx**, to mention a few, have realized new heights artistically, and certainly financially, by molding their talent to a more discerning audience. As we know, water will seek its own level – so, maybe, does the music as the population grows older.

1 **HERB ALPERT**/Rise (A&M)
2 **DIONNE WARWICK**/I'll Never love This Way Again (Arista)
3 **ANNE MURRAY**/I Just Fall In Love Again (Capitol)
4 **KENNY ROGERS**/She Believes In Me (UA)
5 **BARBRA STREISAND**/The Main Event/Fight (Columbia)
6 **MAXINE NIGHTINGALE**/Lead Me On (Windsong)
7 **RANDY VANWARMER**/Just When I Needed You Most (Bearsville)
8 **FRANK MILLS**/Music Box Dancer (Polydor)
9 **PEACHES & HERB**/Reunited (Polydor)
10 **ROBERT JOHN**/Sad Eyes (EMI America)
11 **EARTH, WIND & FIRE**/After The Love Has Gone (ARC/Columbia)
12 **LOBO**/Where Were You When I Was Falling In Love (MCA/Curb)
13 **SUZI QUATRO & CHRIS NORMAN**/Stumblin' In (RSO)
14 **MAUREEN McGOVERN**/Different Worlds (WB/Curb)
15 **ANNE MURRAY**/Shadows In The Moonlight (Capitol)
16 **MICHAEL JOHNSON**/This Night Won't Last Forever (EMI America)
17 **KENNY ROGERS**/You Decorated My Life (UA)
18 **DR. HOOK**/When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman (Capitol)
19 **POCO**/Crazy Love (ABC/MCA)
20 **COMMODORES**/Sail On (Motown)
21 **BARRY MANILOW**/Somewhere In The Night (Arista)
22 **NEIL DIAMOND**/Forever In Blue Jeans (Columbia)
23 **NICOLETTE LARSON**/Lotta Love (WB)
24 **ENGLAND DAN & JOHN FORD COLEY**/Love Is The Answer (Big Tree)
25 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**/What A Fool Believes (WB)
26 **ELTON JOHN**/Mama Can't Buy You Love (MCA)
27 **ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION**/Do It Or Die (Polydor)
28 **EDDIE RABBITT**/Suspicions (Elektra)
29 **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**/Dancin' 'Round And 'Round (MCA)
30 **ANNE MURRAY**/Broken Hearted Me (Capitol)
31 **GEORGE HARRISON**/Blow Away (Dark Horse)
32 **MAUREEN McGOVERN**/Can You Read My Mind (WB/Curb)
33 **LITTLE RIVER BAND**/Lady (Harvest)
34 **JAMES TAYLOR**/Up On The Roof (Columbia)
35 **JENNIFER WARNES**/I Know A Heartache When I See One (Arista)
36 **NIGEL OLSSON**/Dancin' Shoes (Bang)
37 **MELISSA MANCHESTER**/Don't Cry Out Loud (Arista)
38 **CHICAGO**/No Tell Lover (Columbia)
39 **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**/Deeper Than The Night (MCA)
40 **BEE GEES**/Too Much Heaven (RSO)
41 **MARY MACGREGOR**/Good Friend (RSO)
42 **CRYSTAL GAYLE**/Half The Way (Columbia)
43 **SPYRO GYRA**/Morning Dance (Infinity/MCA)
44 **POCO**/Heart Of The Night (ABC/MCA)
45 **BRENDA RUSSELL**/So Good, So Right (A&M/Horizon)
46 **RITA COOLIDGE**/One Fine Day (A&M)
47 **OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN**/A Little More Love (MCA)
48 **NEIL DIAMOND**/Say Maybe (Columbia)
49 **REX SMITH**/You Take My Breath Away (Columbia)
50 **LITTLE RIVER BAND**/Lonesome Loser (Capitol)
51 **BEE GEES**/Love You Inside Out (RSO)
52 **BARRY MANILOW**/Ships (Arista)
53 **BARBARA MANDRELL**/(If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right (MCA)
54 **GLORIA GAYNOR**/I Will Survive (Polydor)
55 **RICKIE LEE JONES**/Chuck E.'s In Love (WB)
56 **RAYDIO**/You Can't Change That (Arista)
57 **POINTER SISTERS**/Fire (Planet)
58 **KENNY ROGERS**/The Gambler (UA)
59 **BEE GEES**/Tragedy (RSO)
60 **CHIC**/I Want Your Love (Atlantic)
61 **BILLY JOEL**/Honesty (Columbia)
62 **GEORGE BENSON**/Love Ballad (WB)
63 **TOBY BEAU**/Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye (RCA)
64 **DONNA SUMMER w/BROOKLYN DREAMS**/Heaven Knows (Casablanca)
65 **COMMODORES**/Still (Motown)
66 **J.D. SOUTHER**/You're Only Lonely (Columbia)
67 **BOBBY CALDWELL**/What You Won't Do For Love (TK/Clouds)
68 **CHRIS THOMPSON**/If You Remember Me (Planet)
69 **WINGS**/Goodnight Tonight (Columbia)
70 **ART GARFUNKEL**/Since I Don't Have You (Columbia)
71 **DIRE STRAITS**/Sultans Of Swing (WB)
72 **BILLY JOEL**/My Life (Columbia)
73 **IAN MATTHEWS**/Shake It (Mushroom)
74 **ORSA LIA**/I Never Said I Love You (Infinity/MCA)
75 **DOOBIE BROTHERS**/Minute By Minute (WB)
76 **CHER**/Take Me Home (Casablanca)
77 **ORLEANS**/Love Takes Time (Infinity/MCA)
78 **ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION**/Spooky (Polydor)
79 **STYX**/Babe (A&M)

Records That Reached THE TOP 15 In 1979

P/A POP/ADULT

Artist—Title—Label	Peak	Date Reached
a		
HERB ALPERT/Rise (A&M)	❶	9/21
ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/Do It Or Die (Polydor)	3	7/27
ATLANTA RHYTHM SECTION/Spooky (Polydor)	11	9/28
b		
BARBRA & NEIL/You Don't Bring Me Flowers (Columbia)	5	1/12
BEACH BOYS/Good Timin' (Caribou)	11	6/1
BEE GEES/Too Much Heaven (RSO)	❶	1/12
BEE GEES/Tragedy (RSO)	6	3/16
BEE GEES/Love You Inside Out (RSO)	5	6/1
GEORGE BENSON/Love Ballad (WB)	7	5/4
c		
BOBBY CALDWELL/What You Won't Do For Love (TK/Clouds)	7	3/20
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE/You Need A Woman Tonight (A&M)	11	2/2
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE/Do That To Me One More Time (Casablanca)	7	11/30
CHER/Take Me Home (Casablanca)	13	5/4
CHIC/I Want Your Love (Atlantic)	5	4/27
CHICAGO/No Tell Lover (Columbia)	2	2/23
ERIC CLAPTON/Promises (RSO)	8	1/12
COMMODORES/Sail On (Motown)	2	10/5
COMMODORES/Still (Motown)	2	11/23
RITA COOLIDGE/One Fine Day (A&M)	6	10/12
d		
NEIL DIAMOND/Forever In Blue Jeans (Columbia)	3	3/23
NEIL DIAMOND/Say Maybe (Columbia)	5	6/29
DIRE STRAITS/Sultans Of Swing (WB)	9	4/20
DOOBIE BROTHERS/What A Fool Believes (WB)	5	3/23
DOOBIE BROTHERS/Minute By Minute (WB)	8	6/29
DOOBIE BROTHERS/Dependin' On You (WB)	15	10/5
DR. HOOK/When You're In Love With A Beautiful Woman (Capitol)	3	7/13
DR. HOOK/Better Love Next Time (Capitol)	9	11/23
e		
EARTH, WIND & FIRE/September (ARC/Columbia)	15	2/2
EARTH, WIND & FIRE/After The Love Has Gone (ARC/Columbia)	❶	9/14
ENGLAND DAN & JOHN FORD COLEY/Love Is The Answer (Big Tree)	3	5/11
f		
FIREFALL/Goodbye, I Love You (Atlantic)	14	3/9
g		
ART GARFUNKEL/Since I Don't Have You (Columbia)	9	7/13
CRYSTAL GAYLE/Half The Way (Columbia)	3	11/2
GLORIA GAYNOR/I Will Survive (Polydor)	9	3/16
ANDY GIBB/(Our Love) Don't Throw It All Away (RSO)	9	1/12
IAN GOMM/Hold On (Stiff/Epic)	12	11/2
h		
GEORGE HARRISON/Blow Away (Dark Horse)	2	4/20
RUPERT HOLMES/Escape (The Pina Colada Song) (Infinity/MCA)	8	11/30
ENGELBERT HUMPERDINCK/This Moment In Time (Epic)	13	1/26
j		
BILLY JOEL/My Life (Columbia)	2	1/12
BILLY JOEL/Honesty (Columbia)	4	6/8
ELTON JOHN/Mama Can't Buy You Love (MCA)	2	7/27
ROBERT JOHN/Sad Eyes (EMI America)	6	9/7
MICHAEL JOHNSON/This Night Won't Last Forever (EMI America)	4	9/21
RICKIE LEE JONES/Chuck E.'s In Love (WB)	3	6/29
l		
NICOLETTE LARSON/Lotta Love (WB)	❶	2/2
ORSA LIA/I Never Said I Love You (Infinity/MCA)	15	4/20
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Lady (Harvest)	13	2/16
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Lonesome Loser (Capitol)	8	9/21
LITTLE RIVER BAND/Cool Change (Capitol)	13	11/30
LOBO/Where Were You When I Was Falling In Love (MCA/Curb)	2	9/21
m		
MARY MACGREGOR/Good Friend (RSO)	7	10/5
MELISSA MANCHESTER/Don't Cry Out Loud (Arista)	5	2/2
BARBARA MANDRELL/(If Loving You Is Wrong) I Don't Want To Be Right (MCA)	7	5/25
BARRY MANILOW/Somewhere In The Night (Arista)	❶	2/16
BARRY MANILOW/Ships (Arista)	❶	11/23
IAN MATTHEWS/Shake It (Mushroom)	6	2/9
FRANK MILLS/Music Box Dancer (Polydor)	❶	3/23
FRANK MILLS/Peter Piper (Polydor)	14	11/23
ANNE MURRAY/I Just Fall In Love Again (Capitol)	❶	3/2
ANNE MURRAY/Shadows In The Moonlight (Capitol)	❶	7/6
ANNE MURRAY/Broken Hearted Me (Capitol)	❶	11/9
MAUREEN McGOVERN/Can You Read My Mind (WB/Curb)	6	4/20
MAUREEN McGOVERN/Different Worlds (WB/Curb)	3	8/31
n		
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/A Little More Love (MCA)	2	2/9
OLIVIA NEWTON-JOHN/Deeper Than The Night (MCA)	2	6/8
MAXINE NIGHTINGALE/Lead Me On (Windsong)	2	8/17
o		
NIGEL OLSSON/Dancin' Shoes (Bang)	2	3/9
NIGEL OLSSON/Little Bit Of Soap (Bang)	12	5/25
ORLEANS/Love Takes Time (Infinity/MCA)	9	6/1
p		
PEACHES & HERB/Reunited (Polydor)	❶	5/4
POCO/Crazy Love (MCA)	4	3/23
POCO/Heart Of The Night (MCA)	7	7/6
POINTER SISTERS/Fire (Planet)	8	2/16
q		
SUZI QUATRO & CHRIS NORMAN/Stumblin' In (RSO)	❶	4/20
r		
EDDIE RABBITT/Suspicions (Elektra)	5	8/3
GERRY RAFFERTY/Home And Dry (UA)	11	2/9
GERRY RAFFERTY/Days Gone Down (UA)	12	7/27
GERRY RAFFERTY/Get It Right Next Time (UA)	10	10/5
RAYDIO/You Can't Change That (Arista)	13	8/10
KENNY ROGERS/The Gambler (UA)	7	2/16
KENNY ROGERS/She Believes In Me (UA)	❶	6/1
KENNY ROGERS/You Decorated My Life (UA)	❶	10/5
LINDA RONSTADT/Ooh Baby Baby (Asylum)	3	1/12
LINDA RONSTADT/Just One Look (Asylum)	11	3/23
BRENDA RUSSELL/So Good, So Right (A&M/Horizon)	9	10/19
s		
BOB SEGER/We've Got Tonight (Capitol)	12	1/19
REX SMITH/You Take My Breath Away (Columbia)	2	6/22
J.D. SOUTHER/You're Only Lonely (Columbia)	4	11/23
SPYRO GYRA/Morning Dance (Infinity/MCA)	13	6/29
RAY STEVENS/I Need Your Help Barry Manilow (WB)	15	4/27
AL STEWART/Time Passages (Arista)	13	1/12
AL STEWART/Song On The Radio (Arista)	12	3/16
BARBRA STREISAND/The Main Event/Fight (Columbia)	❶	7/27
BARBRA STREISAND & DONNA SUMMER/No More Tears (Enough Is Enough) (Col/Cas)	3	11/30
STYX/Babe (A&M)	6	11/23
DONNA SUMMER w/BROOKLYN DREAMS/Heaven Knows (Casablanca)	11	3/2
t		
JAMES TAYLOR/Up On The Roof (Columbia)	4	7/13
LIVINGSTON TAYLOR/I Will Be In Love With You (Epic)	9	1/19
CHRIS THOMPSON/If You Remember Me (Planet)	13	8/31
TOBY BEAU/Then You Can Tell Me Goodbye (RCA)	7	9/21
v		
RANDY VANWARMER/Just When I Needed You Most (Bearsville)	2	5/11
w		
JENNIFER WARNES/I Know A Heartache When I See One (Arista)	10	8/10
DIONNE WARWICK/I'll Never Love This Way Again (Arista)	❶	8/31
DIONNE WARWICK/Deja Vu (Arista)	10	11/30
WINGS/Goodnight Tonight (Columbia)	9	5/4
WINGS/Arrow Through Me (Columbia)	15	10/19
STEVIE WONDER/Send One Your Love (Tamla/Motown)	15	11/30
LAUREN WOOD/Please Don't Leave (WB)	8	11/23